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AL COOPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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1. AFTER SEVERAL CONSULTATIVE SESSIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON ENVIRONMENT, FOLLOWING RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY FIRST
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS:

QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE
WORK OF ITS SIXTH SESSION (A/33/25),

HAVING ALSO CONSIDERED THE STUDY OF THE GROUP OF
SPECIALISTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCING OF PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMMES OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES AND MEANS OF FINANCING
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT
DESERTIFICATION (UNEP/GC.6/9/ADD.1) TOGETHER WITH PARAS
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306-311 OF THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH RE-
FLECTS THE DIFFERING VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE GOVERNING
COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER; AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ACCOUNT WITHIN
THE UNITED NATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD PLAN OF
ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (A/33/117),

1. NOTES THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTH SESSION, WELCOMES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND WELCOMES ALSO IN PARTICULAR THE DECISIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM-WIDE MEDIUM-TERM ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME BASED ON THEMATIC JOINT PROGRAMMING; TO THE EMPHASIS TO BE GIVEN TO PROJECT AND PROGRAMME EVALUATION; AND TO THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND THE REPORTING THEREUPON BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL;

2. INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE URGENTLY AND GENEROUSLY TO THE FUND OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, BEARING IN MIND DECISION 6/13 OF 24 MAY 1978 OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, SO AS TO MEET THE APPROVED TARGET;

3. DECIDES TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED THEREON AT THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL;

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4. INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS ADOPTED CONTAINED THEREIN.

2. FOLLOWING ADOPTION, INDIA, USSR, CHINA, IRAQ, MEXICO, BRAZIL AND GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC VOICED RESERVATIONS OVER CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNEP GC MENTIONED IN PARA 4. USDEL ALSO RECALLED PER REFTL (B) THAT OUR STATEMENT DURING DEBATE SUGGESTED SYG'S REPORT ON PLAN TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, A/33/17, BE MERELY NOTED BY ECOSOC AND SENT TO GA WITHOUT COMMENT. RE OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF RESOLUTION, GREECE QUESTIONED (A) WHETHER THERE WOULD BE PLEDGING CONFERENCE TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ELICITED; (B) WHY WORD URGENTLY WAS USED; AND (3) WHAT WAS APPROVED TARGET. RESPONSE WAS (A) UNEP HAS NO PLANS TO CALL PLEDGING CONFERENCE; (B) TERM URGENTLY WAS PICKED UP FROM UNEP DIR'S STATEMENT TO COMMITTEE IN WHICH HE URGENTLY CALLED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS; AND (C) TARGET OF \$150 MILLION FOR UNEP PROGRAM OVER NEXT FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY GA.

3. WITH ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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